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### One Thing At A Time

Quarreling factions have killed many a chance for legislation at Washington, and the governor sounds a timely warning when he urges that the delegation about to leave here confine its efforts to the one supremely important financial scheme which is its real mission. There is talk of efforts to transfer some of our local controversies—as for instance the unending disputes over our land policy,—to the national capital by taking advantage of the opportunity afforded to men on the spot. Aside from the fact that there will be enough to be done in connection with the fiscal matter, such a policy will be harmful in that it will inevitably arouse a bitter controversy. It is quite evident that we cannot agree altogether about lands, but we can all agree about the desirability of the Kule bill which we propose to urge. The delegation should stand for this one thing, as the governor says. After this is secured, if such a happy consummation is reached, we can resume our quarrels in Washington.

### Dowie And His Ill Health

One of the curiosities, not to say humors, of that wonderful religious development, the Christian Catholic Church, with its no less wonderful industrial and social development, Zion City, is the retirement from active service of its founder on account of "ill health." The foundation principle of Dowie's religious system is that faith and prayer are the complete and sufficient cure and antidote of sickness and disease. It was because Dowie preached this doctrine unceasingly that he first began to get a following. In the early years of his Illinois success, his "Dowie Institute," was a constantly enlarging home where the sick in body and mind came to be relieved of their ills through faith and prayer.

Dowie has insisted on the literalness of the New Testament expressions regarding the healing of the sick by the laying on of hands and of prayer. To him no sickness was beyond the power of faith and prayer to heal. As his following increased and he became more and more carried away with the enthusiasm of his own zeal, he began to claim that he himself was the reincarnation of Elijah, and he assumed the title of Elijah II. But from the beginning the key-note of his whole religious system has been the infallible therapeutic efficacy of faith and prayer.

A man of robust physique, sanguine temperament, full blooded, with intense vitality, he himself did not know what ill-health was. His strength seemed equal to every demand his energy and vital activity made upon it. No doubt this had a tendency to strengthen his belief in his own theories. But the time came when overdrafts on strength and vitality could be met no longer. He suffered a stroke of paralysis. Admitting for the sake of argument that faith, wavering for a moment, might permit the stroke, it would seem as though the stroke itself permitted the most striking opportunity that could be imagined for proving his own doctrine. The faith and prayer that in the years past had wrestled so successfully, as it is claimed, with the illness of others, might now prove their crowning power in curing himself. But such seems not to be the case. It is announced that the great Elijah II has abdicated the control of the church organization, and the city he founded to others, and will go to some island in the Caribbean Sea—perhaps the Isle of Pines—to seek the cure that rest and an equable climate will give.

One would think that this acknowledgment, and the failure of prayer to cure him, would destroy the influence he has with his followers, and bring about the downfall of his organization. But there is in all probability not the slightest danger of this. If any explanation to his followers is needed it will probably be given in some form that will be satisfying to those for whom it is given. His work will be taken up by others, and in proportion as they are able men, will go forward.

It is one of the surprises to many that Dowie has been able to attach to himself and to his organization, men of real ability. But that he has done so has been proven in a number of ways. Not alone has he inaugurated and organized a religious organization that has in ten or twelve years spread itself into almost every part of the world, but he has inaugurated and carried on great business enterprises, which require first class ability. He has organized a city, unique in the world, requiring administrative ability of first class order. In doing all this he has undoubtedly discovered and developed able lieutenants who will carry on the work he begun.

### Wood Cutting Depredations

The discovery some days ago that wood was being cut on government land, has led to still farther investigations and some remarkable disclosures. In the particular case now on hearing, it is claimed that it was by mere inadvertence that the wood-choppers were over the line from privately owned land to government land. This is a matter that will be threshed out in court. What is of more importance than this particular instance, is the discovery that has been made that very systematic deforestation on government lands has been going on, and that thousands of cords of wood belonging to the government has been cut and sold, to the loss of the government. It is believed that this has been going on wherever there is government land forested with algaroba or other fuel furnishing trees.

There is a good deal of government land along the line of the Oahu Railway beyond Waipahu. Much of this is covered with algaroba trees, growing thickly and furnishing an immense amount of firewood. It is not readily accessible to the casual visitor except by the railway. The stations are several miles apart. Riding along the railway, the appearances are as if the railway ran through a dense forest of algaroba on both sides. It is claimed that in many places the government land has been denuded of all trees large enough for firewood, except for a strip a hundred feet wide or such a matter along the railroad. This has been left so as to mask operations going on back of it. From the railroad trains this strip still preserves the impression of an extensive forest. It hides not only the operations but the results of the operations.

Wood is sold at the rate of \$13 a cord, it is said, while the Japanese who cut the wood for hire, get about \$2.90 a cord for cutting it. The Land department is now making investigations as to the extent to which this wood cutting has been going on, especially in the Waianae region. The disclosures so far are astounding. They give rise to the suggestion that the same thing may be going on in other parts of the group. It may give rise to an altogether new system of looking after government lands.

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may be doing the chopping, not knowing who is the real owner of the wood. But it is a much more difficult matter to catch those who have been engaged in the work on as extensive a scale as there is evidence has been practiced on some of the government land along the line of the Oahu Railway.

It is probable that the newly discovered Northwest Passage will never be a favorite route for tourists.

The retirement of Herr Nolte from the active management of the restaurant he has for so long conducted will be regretted by a large circle of friends. The years have come and gone with their changing politics and re-arrangements of friends and political allies, but Nolte's has remained steadfast and reliable, and Nolte himself the presiding genius of a place that was more than a mere place of refreshment, but was an institution.

There's nothing like Americanization to the islands. With an influx of Molokans, Azoreans and North Italians in the near future we'll be so Star Spangled that we will hardly know ourselves.

So far as can be ascertained, no overdrafts were shipped away to avoid taxation.

The Advertiser displays an alarming ignorance in the matter of the family relations of Hon. Robert Fitzsimmons. It was not the present applicant for divorce from the freckled fighter who encouraged him in his fight with Corbett at Carson City. That lady was Robert's second wife, the sister of Martin Julian his former manager who conveniently enough, married Mr. Fitzsimmons divorced first wife. It made a happy family party. Then the second wife died and the papers had it that Fitz was going crazy with grief but there came across his vision the present wife, a pretty blonde who carried a spear in the very front row, and his grief was assuaged. All of this goes to show that with fortitude almost any disaster may be forgotten.

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SUNFLOWER PHILOSOPHY.

As a rule women have worse colds than the men, and smaller handkerchiefs.

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How the turkey must hate that Love-ly Character who started Thanksgiving!

You will notice a cigar smell about many a man who can't afford more than a pipe.

A man may get more sympathy at home by claiming that he caught his cold in church, but he doesn't get it down town.

A man ought to save up money in his youth so that when age comes he will have time to devote to arranging the hairs across his bald spot.

Perhaps a man's eyesight grows poorer with the years as a merciful way of preventing him from seeing his wrinkles and gray hairs.

Some mean, low-lived person explains that the reason there is no marrying in heaven is that no preacher ever got there to perform a marriage ceremony.

The average man so hates to eat away from home that when he is invited out arrangements should be made for sending a fire alarm from his house at the time dinner is over to call him home.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

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